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Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: In the matter of applications of AT&T Inc. and Deutsche Telekom AG for consent to assign or transfer control of licenses and authorizations; (WT Proceeding - No. 11-65).

Dear Commissioners:

"Helping People...Changing Lives"

This is our motto and a theme we like to live by here at the North Carolina Community Action Association. To give you a brief overview of what we do, our organization advocates on behalf of North Carolina's low-income and elderly citizens to ensure their voice is heard at the local, state, and national levels. These groups are often disadvantaged and really need help navigating support systems and ultimately getting back to a place of self-sufficiency.

Access to wireless services can help them accomplish this. Here are just a few ways that our constituents use wireless services.

- Online classes
- Telemedicine
- Job searches
- Phone interviews
- Paying Bills
- Learning about our organization!

The problem that many face is that service can be unreliable at times. It is unacceptable and frustrating when our members are unable to properly communicate with family, friends, employers, or anyone else because service is unavailable. The elderly also need the service to communicate with doctors, especially since with age comes decreased physical mobility.

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A feasible way to improve the technological conditions in North Carolina is by allowing the combining of the resources of AT&T and T-Mobile. These two companies have committed to spending billions to improve America's wireless infrastructure and expand mobile broadband access to over ninety-seven percent of the country. What great news to the low-income and elderly citizens of North Carolina and America! This merger, therefore, has the potential to help the people we serve with their daily activities and improve their ability to improve their circumstances and their lives.

Thank you for your time and support of mobile broadband.

Sincerely,



Sharon C. Goodson, Executive Director

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